

**902 KAR 4:150. Enhanced HANDS services in response to declared national or state public health emergency.**

RELATES TO: KRS 13B.080 - 13B.160, 200.700, 211.090, 211.180, 211.689

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050, 211.690

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 194A.050(1) requires the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to operate the programs and fulfill the responsibilities vested in the cabinet. KRS 211.690 authorizes the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to implement a voluntary statewide home visitation program for the purpose of providing assistance to at-risk parents. This administrative regulation establishes the provisions for providing home visitation through tele-service delivery methods if a national or state public health emergency has been declared.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Declared national or state public health emergency" means a formal declaration by the President of the United States or the Governor of Kentucky of an extraordinary event that is determined to constitute a public health risk through the spread of disease.

(2) "Tele-service" means a home visitation service provided through telephone or video communication with the HANDS provider, parent, and child present in real time.

Section 2. Enhanced Home Visitation Services in Response to a Declared National or State Public Health Emergency. (1) HANDS services and requirements may be enhanced to allow for tele-service delivery methods if a national or state public health emergency has been declared.

(2)(a) HANDS home visitation services that are otherwise designated as face-to-face in accordance with 902 KAR 4:120 may be provided through tele-service delivery methods with informed parental consent.

(b) These services shall include those listed in 902 KAR 4:120, Sections 2(4), 2(5), and 4.

(c) Verbal and written consent shall be provided for each child in a shared household. For example, if the family has twins, verbal and written consent shall be provided for each baby.

(3) Tele-service delivery methods shall be reimbursed at the usual and customary rate.

(4) Tele-service delivery methods in the manner established by this section shall only be utilized during a declared national or state public health emergency. (47 Ky.R. 2219; 48 Ky.R. 59; eff. 7-21-2021.)